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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 1800.3A

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: RETIREMENT OF THE ASSISTANT JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF
THE NAVY

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §5149
(b) 10 U.S.C. §1370

1. Purpose. To prescribe Department of the Navy (DON) policy for the positions of the Assistant Judge Advocate General (AJAG) of the Navy.

2. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 1800.3.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), the Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps and all U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps installations, commands, activities, field offices, and all other organizational entities within the DON.

4. Policy

a. Reference (a) provides discretionary authority for AJAGs of the Navy serving in lower grades to be retired in the grades of rear admiral (lower half) or brigadier general. The DON has chosen to promote AJAGs upon retirement.

b. DON AJAGs are competitively selected by flag and general officer selection boards employing statutory procedures applicable to promotion selection boards to the maximum extent practicable. The AJAG positions are as follows:

(1) AJAG (Civil Law);

(2) AJAG (Operations and Management);

(3) AJAG (Military Justice); and

(4) AJAG (Chief Judge of the DON).

c. Though DON AJAGs will generally not serve in the ranks of rear admiral (lower half) or brigadier general while on active duty, the designated AJAG positions are flag and general officer equivalent positions, with duties and responsibilities commensurate with those grades.

d. An officer who is retired while serving as AJAG of the Navy, or who, after serving at least 12 months as AJAG of the Navy, is retired after completion of that service while serving in the grade of O-6; and serves satisfactorily for at least three years in one of the designated AJAG positions, may be retired, in the discretion of SECNAV, in the grade of O-7.

e. Officers serving less than three years in one of the designated AJAG positions, or less than one year as the detailed AJAG of the Navy, or who serve as AJAGs in grades below O-6, will be retired in the highest grade in which they served satisfactorily on active duty, pursuant to reference (b).

5. Responsibilities

a. SECNAV. Assign and relieve the AJAG of the Navy as the needs of the DON require.

b. The Judge Advocate General of the Navy. Advise SECNAV on matters regarding assigning and relieving the AJAG of the Navy.

6. Records Management

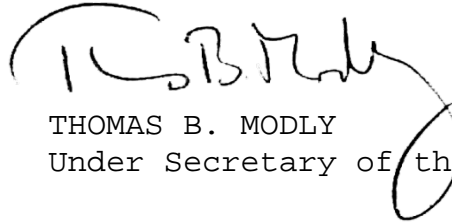
a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned according to the records disposition schedules found on the Directives and Records Management Division (DRMD) portal page:

<https://portal.secnave.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition

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schedules, please contact your local Records Manager or the DRMD program office.

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Under Secretary of the Navy

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